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HANOI RADIO BROADCASTS REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO RAMSEY CLARK

B071142 FIRST OF TWO TAKES--ALLEGED CLARK STATEMENT--FOR VNA

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((TEXT)) ((ANNOUNCER--FBIS)) A TEAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INQUIRIES INTO U.S. WAR CRIMES IN INDOCHINA HAS JUST TOURED THAI BINH, A RICE RICH PROVINCE IN NORTH VIETNAM'S DELTA, RAMSEY CLARK, FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL AND A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, VISITED THE LAN SLUICE, WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY U.S. BOMBS ON JULY 29, THE SLUICE IS AN IMPORTANT HYDRAULIC WORK, ITS CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN 1961 AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1963 AT A COST OF 1 AND A HALF MILLION DONG AND MILLIONS OF WORK DAYS, THE PROJECT ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) OF PADDY FIELDS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE,

LAN SLUICE HAD BEEN BOMBED AND ROCKETED ON JULY 19, 24, AND 26 OF THIS YEAR BUT HAD BEEN REPAIRED, THE LAST U.S. ATTACK REDUCED IT TO RUBBLE, SEEING THE DESTRUCTION, RAMSEY CLARK HAD THIS TO SAY:

25 OF THIS YEAR BUT HAD BEEN REPAIRED; THE LAST U.S. ATTACK REDUCED
IT TO RUBBLE; SEEING THE DESTRUCTION, RAMSEY CLARK HAD THIS TO SAY:
(FOLLOWS MALE VOICE WITH AMERICAN ACCENT--FBIS))

"(?) SEE) THE SLUICES ARE STRATEGIC IN THE UTILIZATION OF WATER
FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ACRES; AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE;
AND THEIR LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON IT; SO IT IS OBVIOUSLY QUITE
A CRITICAL TARGET; AND WHEN YOU HIT IT; YOU ENDANGER THE LIVES OF
ALL THOSE PEOPLE AND YOU DESTROY THIS GOOD EARTH THAT; UHH; HAS
GIVEN (THEM) LIVELIHOOD; ((WARDS INDISTINCT)) FACILITY AND; UHH;
VITAL IN THE REGULATION OF; UMM; THE WATER LEVEL ON THE TENS OF
THOUSANDS OF ACRES WHICH SUPPORT; UHH, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
PEOPLE; SO, THE JEOPARDY TO THEIR LIVES AND LIVELIHOOD IS QUITE
CLEAR FROM HITTING THIS TARGET;

"WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD; UHH; SOME TERRIBLE FLOODS IN THE UNITED
STATES; PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART; WHERE THE STATES
OF PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA; AND MARYLAND; WASHINGTON D.C.; UHH;
EXPERIENCED; UHH; THE MOST SEVERE FLOODS IN MANY; MANY YEARS; AND
OF COURSE THERE WAS THE; UHH; TRAGEDY AND DISASTER IN RAPID CITY;
SOUTH DAKOTA EARLIER IN THE YEAR;

SUFFERING AND LOSS OF LIFE THAT CAN RESULT, UHH, FROM FLOODING;

BUT I THINK THE--THE RISK OF FLOODING TO THE PEOPLE OF, UHH,

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NORTH VIETNAM IS, UHH, IS MUCH MORE

SERIOUS BECAUSE THE--THE LIFE OF THIS COUNTRY DEPENDS UPON ITS--

ITS ABILITY TO GROW THE FOODS THAT, UHH, REQUIRE THE VERY CAREFUL

REGULATION OF WATER LEVELS; PARTICULARLY, UHH, WITH RICE ITS

IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE PLENTY OF WATER, BUT, UHH, NOT BE TOO

MUCH WATER, OR THERE WILL BE NO RICE CROP, AND, UHH, PEOPLE WILL

STARVE;

SO IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT, UHH, THE, UHH, PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY,

UHH, OF NORTH VIETNAM BE ABLE TO REGULATE, UHH, THEIR WATER, AND

THIS REQUIRES A VERY INTRICATE SYSTEM OF DIKES, PUMPS, SLUICES,

AND DAMS; AND IF THERE'S INJURY TO THIS SYSTEM, THEN THE CROPS,

UHH, WILL PERISH; THIS, UHH, THIS PROVINCE OF THAI BINH IS, UHH,

A RICH AGRICULTURAL AREA; THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE

IS ONLY 2 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL; SO YOU CAN SEE IMMEDIATELY THAT,

UHH, NOT ONLY WILL THE FOOD UPON WHICH LIFE DEPENDS BE LOST IF THERE

IS FLOODING HERE, BUT LIFE ITSELF WILL BE LOST IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE,

UHH, HOMES AND, UHH, VILLAGES CAN BE FLOODED; THEREFORE, ATTACKS

ON THE DIKES, THE SLUICES, AND THE PUMPING STATIONS THAT ARE

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CONFIDENTIAL, UHH, ARE ATTACKS ON THE VERY ECONOMIC BASIS, ON THE

VERY LIFE, OF THIS COUNTRY, AND THEY SHOULD NEVER, NEVER BE DONE, U

((ANNOUNCER--FBIS)) RAMSEY CLARK ALSO VISITED THE BOMB DAMAGED
HOSPITAL FOR LEPERS AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE PROVINCE, U

HE MADE THESE REMARKS: U

((SAME AMERICAN ACCENTED MALE VOICE--FBIS)) THIS MORNING, FRIDAY,
AUGUST 4TH, THE FIRST PLACE WE VISITED (WAS) THE SMALL VILLAGE OF

PHU VANG, (WHERE) TWO AIRPLANES ATTACKED ON THE 31ST OF JULY AND
DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 20 BOMBS IN THE AREA GENERALLY, U

AMONG THE PLACES DAMAGED, THERE WERE, UHH, A HOSPITAL FOR LEPERS
CALLED (LE PHONG), WHICH IS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND
WHICH CARES FOR A THOUSAND PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM LEPROSY, THE BOMBS
THAT HIT THERE KILLED THREE PEOPLE AND INJURED THREE, IN ADDITION
DOING GREAT DAMAGE TO THE HOSPITAL FACILITY ITSELF, U

WE ALSO VISITED A SECONDARY SCHOOL WHICH WAS, UMM, HAD BEEN
QUITE AN ATTRACTIVE BUILDING, UHH, ONLY COMPLETED IN 1966, AND WE
VISITED THERE WITH SIX OF THE TEACHERS, THE BOMBS THERE INJURED THE
PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS FOUR OF THE TEACHERS, BUT
FORTUNATELY, THE CHILDREN WERE AWAY ON VACATION, SO NO CHILDREN
WERE INJURED, 051000 MORE RT/BRIGGS MH 07/12052 AUG

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HANOI ENGLISH SOUTHEAST ASIA 051000 XXX CHILDREN WERE INJURED;

((TEXT)) "IT IS NOT, UMM, POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MAKE A FINAL

JUDGEMENT AS TO WHAT WAS INTENDED BY THE PILOT AT THAT TIME;

IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FIRST ATTAIN ALL POSSIBLE EVIDENCE AS

TO TARGETS IN THE AREA, AND PERHAPS, UHH, UHH, FROM THE, UHH, AIR

FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES THERE WOULD BE SOME STATEMENT AS

TO WHAT THEY CLAIM THEY WERE TRYING TO DO HERE;

"BUT ONE THING IS VERY CLEAR, AND THAT IS THAT WHEN MILITARY

AIRCRAFT BOMB A COUNTRY, UHH, WHERE THERE IS NO MILITARY

ENGAGEMENT GOING ON, WHERE THERE IS NO ACTUAL BATTLE BEING

ENGAGED IN, THEY WILL INEVITABLY, UNNECESSARILY, UHH,

KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE, KILL CIVILIANS, AND DESTROY SCHOOLS AND

HOSPITALS, AS WE HAVE SEEN THIS MORNING, AND THE LESSON, OF

COURSE, IS THAT THE BOMBING SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY,

SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN DONE IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND SHOULD NEVER

BE DONE AGAIN,"

((ANNOUNCER--FBIS)) THE FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID

FURTHER ABOUT THE U.S. ATTACK ON DIKES;

((SAME AMERICAN ACCENTED MALE VOICE--FBIS)) "WE VISITED, UHH,

ONE SITE YESTERDAY, THAT UHH--WHERE A DIKE HAD BEEN, UMM,

BOMBED DIRECTLY--(? I THINK) THAT A BOMB HAD HIT DIRECTLY ON THE

TOP OF THE DIKE AND HAD TORN, UHH, A LARGE CRATER IN THE DIKE

THERE AND HAD DONE DAMAGE NEARBY, IN FACT, THAT BOMB, UHH,

KILLED A MOTHER AND HER--AND HER DAUGHTERS AND LEFT, UHH,

HUSBAND WITHOUT A WIFE AND A SON WITHOUT A MOTHER AND SISTERS,

"WHEN WE ARRIVED, THERE WERE MANY, MANY PEOPLE ALREADY

WORKING TO REPAIR THE DIKE--THE PEOPLE OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE

VERY HARD WORKERS--AND THEY HAD, UHH, CARTS--THERE WERE BOTH

MEN AND WOMEN--AND THEY HAD, UHH, SHOVELS, AND THEY HAD,

UHH, WHAT WE CALL (?TAMPS) I GUESS--WHAT YOU POUND THE EARTH

DOWN WITH--AND UHH, THEY NEVER STOPPED WHILE WE WERE THERE,

THEY KEPT, UHH, WORKING, UHH, CONSTANTLY," ((RECORDING ENDS--FBIS))

YOU HAVE JUST LISTENED TO FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

RAMSEY CLARK, NOW IN NORTH VIETNAM, SPEAKING ABOUT U.S.

BOMBING RAIDS IN THAI BINH PROVINCE, 051000Z ENDALL RT

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